

SOFTBALL PLAYOFF OPENS

Top Teams to Vie For Herald Trophy

First game in the 1951 Shaughnessy playoff for the city championship and possession of the Perpetual Torrance Herald Trophy will get under way at 7 this evening when Dow Styrene and Three M softballers clash at Torrance Park.

The Dow and Three M teams wound up the season tied for second on a point system devised by the recreation department. Each earned 12 1/2 points during the two rounds of play. Points were awarded to the finishers in each league on a 10-8-6-4-3-2 basis.

Top point collector for the summer was National Supply. The National team will meet Lovelady Hardware, the defending champions of the city, in the second game tonight slated to get started around 8:30.

TIGHT SQUEEZE

The Lovelady team nosed out Harvey Machine for the playoff by virtue of 1/3 of a point when the Harvey club blew its final game last Monday to National Electric. The Harvey Machine, leading in the game with two men out, and a three-two count on the batter, watched as the electricians wired the diamond for lights and pushed six runs across the plate to win. Had Harvey won the game, they would have been in the playoff instead of the Lovelady Hardware team.

Winners of tonight's two games will meet in the second game scheduled for 8:30 p.m. next Monday at Torrance Park.

B LEAGUE

Beginning tomorrow night at the park, the top four of the B League will square off to select

a champion of the season.

Second place General Petroleum will meet third place Walteria Dukes in the opener at 7 p.m. and the first place Steelworkers will meet fourth place Torrance Hardware in the nightcap.

Winners of these games will meet in the first game Monday night at 7.

Playoff in the C League will get under way tomorrow night in Walteria when second place Pacific Electric meets third place Great Lakes Lions in the opener and Walteria Businessmen, the league winners, take on fourth place Hi-Shear.

FINAL SERIES

Winners of these games will meet Tuesday evening at 8 in Walteria.

On Wednesday night, August 8, winners of the C League playoff will meet the winners of the B League playoff for the right to challenge the A League winners in the final series for the city championship.

Championship playoff series will begin Friday, August 10. The second game will be played Monday, August 13, and the third game (if needed) Thursday night, August 16.

The bean feed the following Friday night, August 17, will wind up the season.



PLAYOFF PAYOFF... The Torrance Herald Perpetual Trophy shown above has become the symbol of softball championship in the city. Goodyear won it in 1948, National Supply in 1949, and Lovelady Hardware in 1950. (Herald photo).

Plan Bean Feed To Cap Softball Season Aug. 17

Plans for a chummy wicker-bean feed to wind up the 1951 softball season here were announced this week by the recreational department.

Officially labeled the "1951 Softball Round-up," the feed will be held in the Civic Auditorium on the night of August 17, which is right after the end of the Shaughnessy playoff.

Team managers are taking reservations at 50 cents a head for all the softballers, but unattached fans can make their reservations at the recreation office at 1347 El Prado, according to Frank Carpenter, superintendent of recreation. Deadline for reservations is August 10, he said.

Trophies for the various winners will be awarded that night.

Kiwanians Trip Park Bums 21-8

Frank Algarme blasted out three hits in as many trips to the plate to lead the Torrance Kiwanis to an upset 21-8 win over the Torrance Park Bums last week in Junior Softball play at Walteria. Algarme led off with a two run homer in the opening inning to give the winners a 2-1 lead they never relinquished.

Pueblo edged North Torrance Elementary in another Junior battle by a 5-3 count. Ray Valencia singled in the winning run in the third inning as the much improved Torrance losers had to settle for their third straight loss.

In the week's other Junior contest the Y Buckeyes downed the Walteria Mustangs, 8-4.

Roaring Roadsters Set

Forty roaring roadsters of the California Racing Association will zip and zoom at Carrell Speedway, Saturday night, August 11, when the famous Hot Rods return to the Gardena half mile racing strip.

The Hot Rods haven't been in competition at Carrell since early May, and their return is hailed with excitement from all directions. The Hot Rods first started at Carrell and the go-fast boys love the wide turns of the big half-mile track and would rather race at Carrell than any other track in the West.

Rams-Redskin Game

Broadcast of the annual Los Angeles Rams-Washington Redskins football game scheduled for Wednesday night, August 15, will be carried here over radio station KECA beginning at 8:15 p.m. it was announced this week. Negotiations are underway to obtain one of the nation's top-flight announcers for the broadcast.

Bluebirds Tackle Air Force Crew

Bluebird baseballers didn't have quite so much trouble last Sunday, and were able to down the 237th AFRTC from Long Beach with comparative ease by a count of 19-1.

Jerry Melvaine did the tossing for the Bluebirds and let the visitors have five hits during the eight-inning fray.

Lou Brisanti, the Bluebird's hustling shortstop, contributed to the cause with a home run and two triples in five times at bat. He walked once and got on once by an error.

Catcher John Bennett walked and got a triple and a double and Bucky Kuhn got three singles—he was at the plate only seven official times.

The pitching of Allen Bridgewater, who hurled for the Air Force team, didn't bother the Ausmus crew a bit as they tapped him for a total of 16 hits. The win leaves the Torrance entry in the Long Beach league with a perfect score for the second round of play.

Sea-Eras Set To Annex Girls Softball Crown

Torrance was virtually assured of the Girls' softball title last week as the slugging Sea-Eras pounded Lomita, 8-2, for their fifth victory in as many starts.

Hemo Stone, leftfielder, paced the league-leaders at the plate by connecting for two doubles and a single in four times at bat, driving in no less than five runs in the process.

Mickey Newton who was credited with the win, pitched two-hit ball for four frames and then gave way to Diane Davidson, who checked no hit ball for the remainder of the contest. Losing chucker was Pat Smith, allowing nine safeties.

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Juniors Blast Eagles 11-6 in Extra Innings

An extra inning was needed to turn the trick, but the Torrance Juniors pounded out an 11-6 victory over the Lynwood Eagles at Lynwood last Sunday for their first victory since they beat Hawthorne 6-4 last July 1.

The two teams ended the regulation seven-inning affair with the score knotted at six-all. In the top half of the eighth inning, the Torrance Juniors started working the Lynwood pitcher for walks after Larry Roy had lined out to center field and got one across and the bases loaded on walks. Jim Murphy added the deciding blow to the fray with a triple to score three more runs. Murphy scored seconds later on a wild pitch.

Roy set down the Eagles one-two-three in the bottom of the eighth to sew up the game.

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